

Review Verb **tenses** show the different times events occur. **Simple tenses** are formed without helping verbs, *except* for the future tense which uses the helping verb *will*. **Progressive Tenses** are formed with the helping verb *be*. **Perfect Tenses** are formed with the helping verb *have*.

EXAMPLE

verb: <i>to climb</i>	Present	Past	Future
Simple	climb / climbs	climbed	will climb
Progressive	am / is / are climbing	was / were climbing	will be climbing
Perfect	have / has climbed	had climbed	will have climbed

Directions: First, **read** each sentence. Then, **circle** the correct verb in parentheses.

- One of the biggest drawbacks of cars always (**has been** / **had been**) pollution.
- Early cars were so few in number that they (**have done** / **did**) little damage to the air.
- The petroleum-based fuels (**produce** / **will have produced**) toxic emissions, such as carbon monoxide.
- Petroleum-based engine oils (**pose** / **had posed**) dangers to the environment for a long time to come—they aren't biodegradable.
- Now, scientists (**had developed** / **are developing**) new car fuels and lubricants from plants.
- One of these new plant sources (**is** / **was**) sunflowers.
- Sunflower oil (**will create** / **creates**) fewer particles than petroleum-based oils.
- Therefore, sunflower oil (**can keep** / **will have kept**) a car's exhaust system cleaner than petroleum-based oils can.
- I predict that plant-based fuels (**will replace** / **have replaced**) petroleum in the not-so-distant future.
- They (**reduce** / **will reduce**) air pollution in years to come.